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**Y-BRANCH-BASED THERMO-OPTIC DIGITAL OPTICAL SWITCHES AND VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATORS WITH NON-UNIFORM HEATING**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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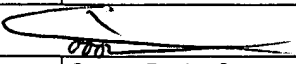
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